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T/O & E OF THE HUMANIAN 11TH TK BRIG

Introduction

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A. LINE ORGANIZATION OF THE 11TH TK BRIG (See Annex A)

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the 11th Tk Brig consisted of three medium tank battalions, an infantry battalion, a reconnaissance company, an armored vehicle repair shop, and one each of signal, chemical, and engineer platoons, as well as the headquarters staff sections (see section B).

1. Medium Tank Battalions (See Annex C)

Each of the three medium tank battalions (prior to the deactivation of the 3d Tk Bn in September or October 1952) had approximately 24 officers and 240 EM. However, none had any organic tanks, SP's or vehicles. units which needed armored vehicles for training or for problems drew them from a consolidated brigade pool. this was because of the limited number of armored vehicles available.

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2. Infantry Battalion (See Annex D)

this unit had no vehicles.

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3. Reconnaissance Company

no specific information on the organization of this unit

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4. Signal Platoon

this unit installed and maintained field telephones used in the unit caserne. no radio equipment in the brigade with the exception of the 9-RS tank radio in the T-34 tanks. the SP's had radios as well.

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5. Chemical Defense Platoon

[redacted] its mission was to decontaminate equipment. It maintained a small supply point for gas capes and masks. This unit gave chemical defense instruction, and [redacted] approximately two hours a week under this platoon's direction. The instruction was always of a defensive nature.

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6. Engineer Platoon

[redacted] it probably did the major repairs, building, ditch digging, etc. that might be needed.

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7. Armored Vehicle Repair Shop

This unit had three trailers that were fitted out with lathes and tools. [redacted] in time of war an armored tractor (which [redacted] was a T-34 tank minus the turret of which the brigade had three) would recover a knocked-out tank and bring it back to one of the three mobile repair trailer shops for repair. [redacted] these work shops constituted what was known as Grade I armored repair shop (atelierul de Gradul I). [redacted] they would be assigned to all independent armored units regardless of size.

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B. STAFF ORGANIZATION OF THE 11TH TK BRIG1. Major Staff Officers

[redacted] the Chief of Staff, Deputy CO for Political Affairs, Deputy CO for Logistics, Deputy CO for Technical Matters, and the brigade doctors were directly responsible to the battalion CO for the activities subordinate to them. Further, that these persons communicated with the brigade CO directly when the need arose. On the other hand, [redacted] the counterintelligence officer did not seem to be responsible to the battalion CO but received his instructions from and reported to the Securitate. This individual sent and received correspondence independently and came and went as he saw fit.

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2. Subordinate Staff Sectionsa. The Chief of Staff

(1) Operations and Plans Officer (Ajutorul Commandantului Pentru Regateria de Lupta)

This officer was responsible for the training schedule of the unit.

(2) Reconnaissance Officer

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(3) Signal Officer

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[redacted] this officer was responsible for post communications. [redacted]

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(4) Engineer Officer

[redacted] this officer was the CO of the engineer platoon.

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(5) Chemical Defense Officer

[redacted] this officer was the CO of the chemical defense platoon.

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(6) Personnel and Secret Documents Section

The personnel officer maintained the officers' records. The Secret Document Section was under the direction of an NCO and was located in the personnel officer's office [redacted]

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(7) Small Arms Repair Section

This section consisted of one officer and approximately four EM who repaired all of the small arms of the brigade.

b. The Deputy CO for Political Affairs

(1) Communist Party Secretary

This individual took care of Party membership. [redacted] he probably assisted the political officer in other ways as well but had no further information.

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(2) Propagandist

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(3) Club Officer

He ran the officers' club and maintained the brigade library.

(4) UMT Secretary

This individual took care of the UMT memberships.

c. Deputy CO for Logistics

(1) Rations Section (Ofiter cu Aproxionare)

This section consisted of one officer and 14 EM. They were responsible for buying rations in the local or nearby towns and transporting them to the brigade messhalls.

(2) Supply and Repair Section (Ofiter cu Echipament)

[redacted] this section issued and maintained individual equipment and clothing and had a tailor section and a shoe-repair section. In addition it hired four or five civilian woman to do the laundry for the post.

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Estimated Actual Strength:

25 Officers
43 EM
7 Civilians

68 Total (Military)

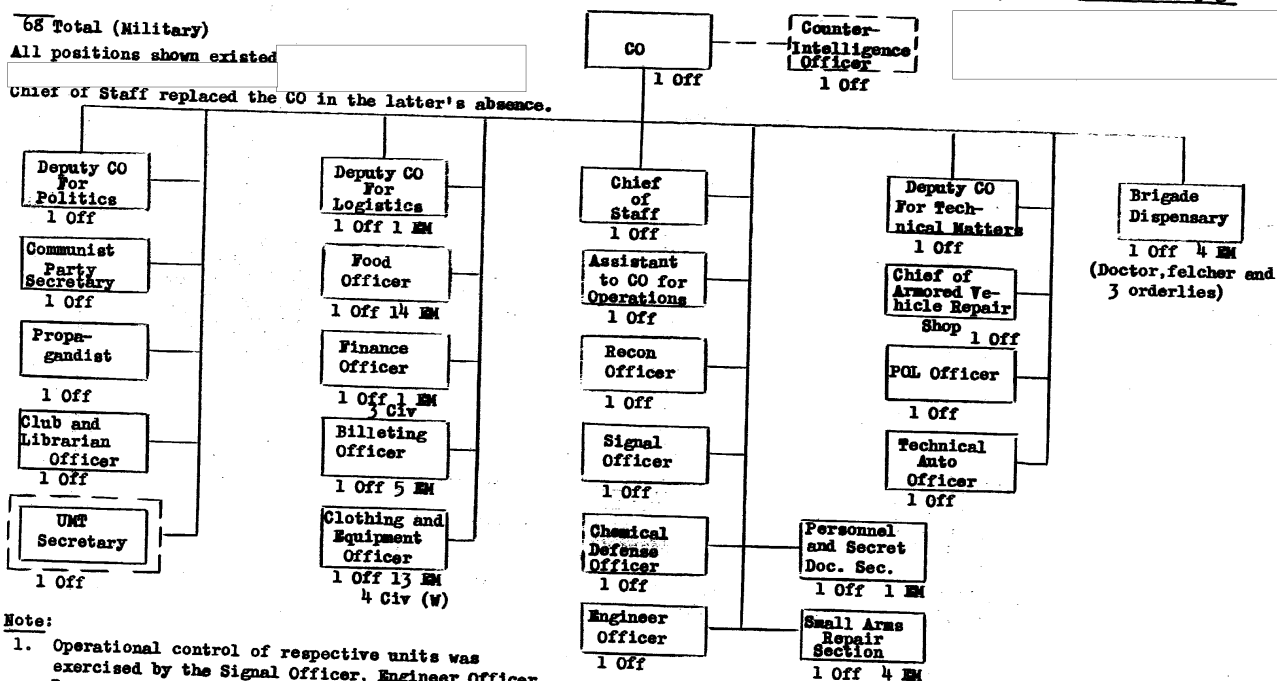
* All positions shown existed

Chief of Staff replaced the CO in the latter's absence.

Annex B

Breakdown of Actual Hq Staff, 11th Tk Brig *

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Note:

1. Operational control of respective units was exercised by the Signal Officer, Engineer Officer, Recon Officer and Chemical Officer.
2. After 1953 UMT Secretary position was additional duty for some officer.

3. Brigade dispensary had a capacity of approx 20 beds. All seriously injured or gravely ill personnel were sent to the military hospital in Pitsanov.

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d. The Deputy CO for Technical Matters

(1) Chief of the Brigade Armored Repair Shop (Sef Atelier)

This person was responsible for the brigade workshop and assisted the brigade technical officer in his duties.

(2) POL Officer

[redacted] this officer kept account of the POL products of the unit.

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(3) Technical Auto Officer

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e. The Brigade Infirmary

This was staffed with the brigade doctor, a felcher (a master sergeant) and three medical aid men. It had approximately 20 beds. [redacted] all seriously-injured or gravely-ill personnel were sent to the military hospital in PITESTI for treatment.

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Annex C

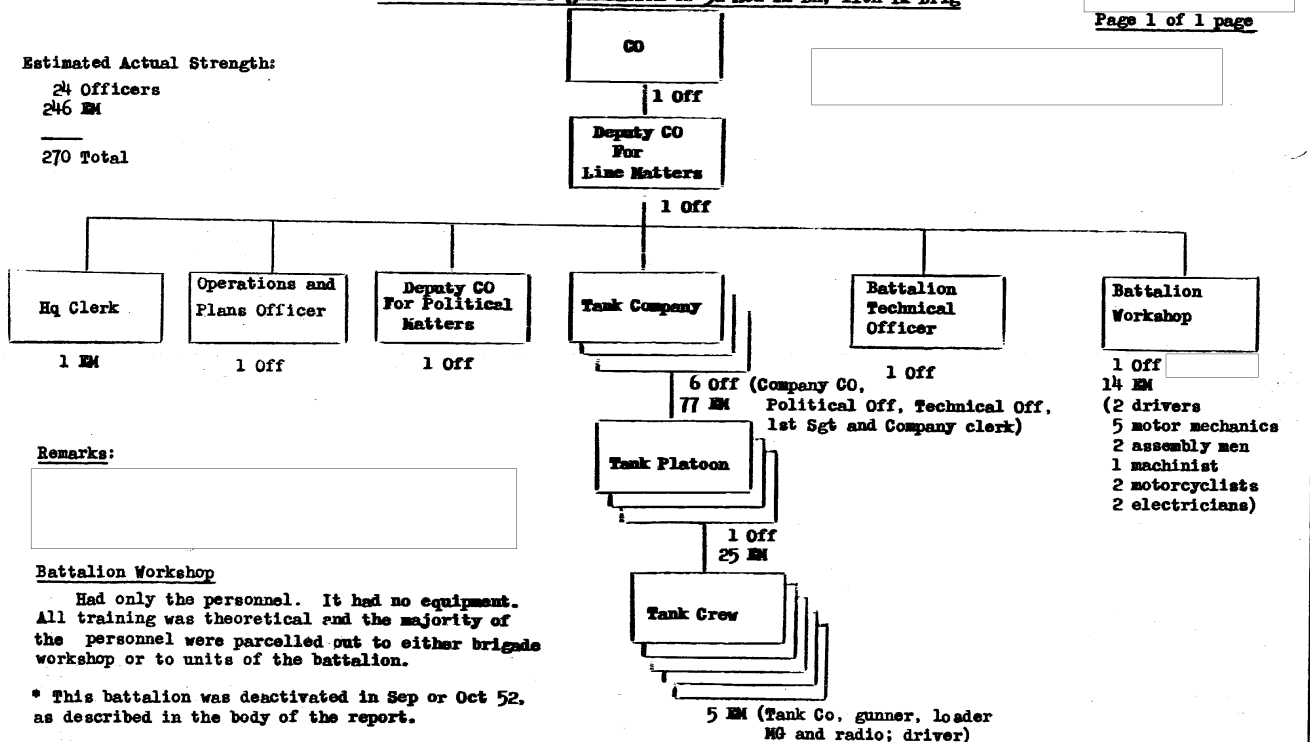
Estimated Actual Organization of 3d Med Tk Bn, 11th Tk Brig *

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Estimated Actual Strength:

24 Officers
246 EM

270 Total



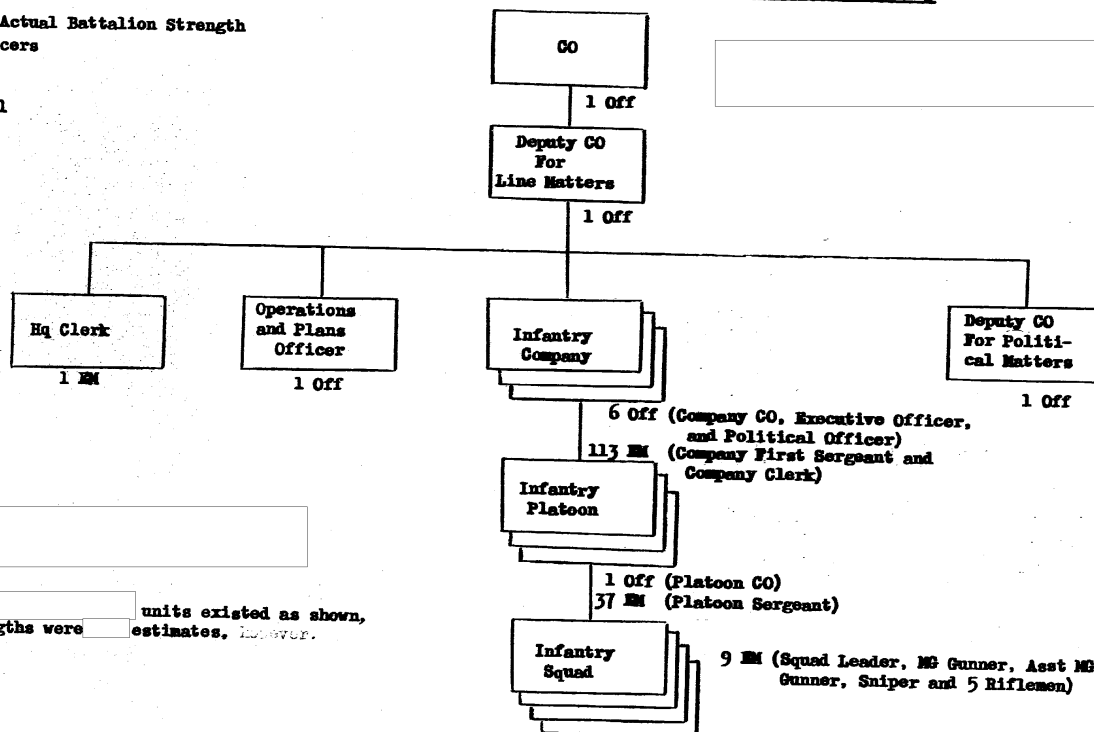
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Annex D

Estimated Actual Organization of the Infantry Battalion, 11th Tk Brig *

Estimated Actual Battalion Strength
 22 Officers
 340 EM
 362 Total



Remarks:

units existed as shown, but strengths were estimates, however.

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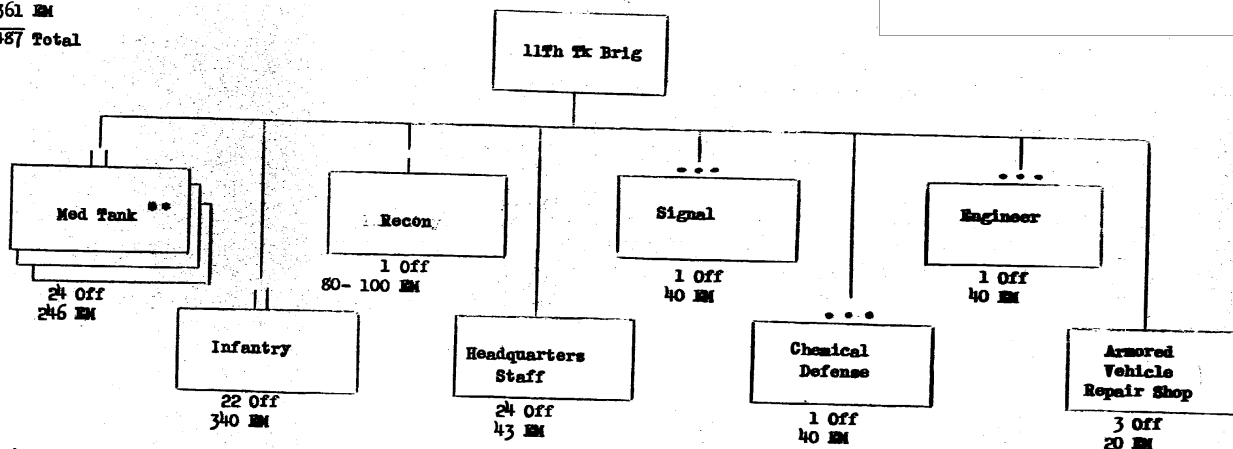
Annex A

Estimate of Actual Organization of the 11th Tk Brig

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Estimated Actual Strength:

126 Officers
1361 EM
1,487 Total



Remarks:

approximately 25 of the brigade EM were career NCO's.
certain of units; strengths are based on estimates.

**The 3d Med Tk Bn was deactivated in Sep or Oct 52.

Weapons and Vehicles*

12 x T-34/85 tanks
10-12 x 76-mm SP guns
6 x (T-4) German tanks
2 x (Panther) German tanks
3 x BA-64 Armored cars
(U/1 Soviet model)

6 x Trucks(U/1 Soviet model)
4 x Motorcycles
3 x Armored tractors(Modified T-34 (?)
3 x Mobile Armored Vehicle Repairs
* All battalion

vehicles were retained in a brigade pool.